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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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Before DALE M. SHAW, *Division 2 Support Administrator*.

ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

The applicants filed an Appeal Brief which contained a Request for Oral Hearing on July 17, 2006. The Request for Oral Hearing is denied.

The rule pertaining to Oral Hearings is 37 C.F.R. § 41.47. The rule in pertinent part states:

(b) If appellant desires an oral hearing, appellant must file, as a separate paper captioned "REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING," a written request for such hearing accompanied by the fee set forth in § 41.20(b)(3) within two months from the date of the examiner's answer or supplemental examiner's answer.

As can be seen by 37 C.F.R. § 41.47(b), the request for an oral hearing must be filed by a separate written request captioned “REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING.” In the instant application, the Request for Oral Hearing was contained in the Appeal Brief and was not filed separately. Thus, the Request for Oral Hearing filed July 17, 2006, does not comply with 37 C.F.R. § 41.47(b) and must be denied.

Accordingly, Appellant’s request for an oral hearing is  
DENIED.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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